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The following information is supplied to you in reply to your memorandum 21 March 1947, concerning the methods by which CIG effects monetary and manpower savings by eliminating duplication and overlapping in the collection of intelligence. Unfortunately, it is impossible to give specific savings in either money or manpower. This is because the functions of the Office of Operations are either unique — as the FBIB — or represent the first effort in a new field such as Contacts or Documents. It is not felt that contrast with war conditions gives a fair or accurate picture, inasmuch as most intelligence efforts originated during the war to meet a pressing need and have never before been attempted in peacetime.

I. Foreign Broadcast Information Branch:

This Branch which was originally under the Federal Communications Commission and later under the War Department, is the only office in the government which performs the function of monitoring foreign radio broadcasts. As such, it provides an essential service for nearly every branch of the government, as well as a vital service for the intelligence agencies.

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